

*Rules of the Association.*

1. The name of this association shall be the "American Association of Conchologists."

2. Its object shall be to enlist its members in the systematic study of the Mollusca, so that by harmonious co-operation better results may be accomplished for science.

3. There shall be no dues or charges attached to membership.

4. The officers shall be a President, vice-President and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually upon the first Wednesday of June. Upon that day each member shall send a communication to the Secretary, designating his choice for officers, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected and shall assume office upon the 15th of June following.

5. The officers shall constitute a committee on membership. An applicant must be proposed to the Secretary, and upon a unanimous recommendation of the committee shall be enrolled as a member of the association.

6. As soon as possible after enrollment, each member shall select for special study some group, family or division of Mollusca, or some special branch of Conchology, and inform the President of his selection.

7. Members shall aid each other in naming shells, determining species, settling disputed questions, etc.

8. They shall also, whenever possible, make special collections of shells, etc. They are recommended also to make general collections, representing the leading genera and forms, both recent and fossil.

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**Young Collectors' Department.**

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**LEAVES FROM A DIARY.**

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BY M. BURTON WILLIAMSON.

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"We had thought the cliff at White's Point, Los Angeles County, hard to descend, but, when we saw the precipitous trail down which we were to pass at Point Fermin, we almost held our

breath! After a while, C. and J. being in advance, they called to E. and I that the trail was not so bad after all. We slid down, or, jumped down, as loose dirt or stones were under our feet, and, sooner than we hoped for, we were on the rocky beach below. Almost at the top of the cliff I had found, in the sandy rock, the *Aemura patina*; and the first shell I found on the wet rocks, was a live *Aemura patina*, Esch.! On a great mossy bed of solid stone about 40 feet square I found the *Conus Californicus*, Hds. so thick, I was reminded of wild strawberry picking in my younger days. The *Conus* in almost every instance was partly hidden in the wet moss. Near this mossy carpet three *Cypræa* (*Luponia*) *spadicea*, Gray, were found by C. and J. If the collecting of the *Conus* reminded me of picking strawberries, the *Luponia* in his shell with his red mantle dotted with bright yellow dots, was a huge strawberry himself! From under him rose his thin mantle until it almost covered his glossy shell. The shell shaded brown and drab, with a suggestion of the blue of the sky between the two colors, the transparent mantle, so gaily dotted with yellow, rising up over the brightly colored shell until it nearly met above in a frilled border, was a sight all five of us stood around and gazed at in wonder and admiration! Our delight found expression, then slowly the mantle was drawn down and out of sight."

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#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE IOWA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, for 1887-1889, contains a history of the organization, and the following Conchological papers: Notes on the gross anatomy of *Campeloma*; on a new fossil Linnæid; The parvus group of Unionidæ, by R. E. Call. There are also a number of papers on geology, botany and entomology by various authors. From R. E. Call.

REPORT ON THE ANIMALS OF THE WATERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOTTOM NEAR QUINCY, ILL., by H. Garman, Zool. Assist. Ill. State Lab. Nat. Hist. In a series of papers of which this is the first, it is purposed to set forth in a general way an exhibit of the animal life of the Waters of Illinois as related to fish-culture primarily, but also and finally in relation to nature at large. The present pamphlet treats of all forms of animal life observed at Quincy, in August, 1888. A short list of mollusks, with notes, is given on pp. 23 to 27. From S. A. Forbes, Director Ill. State Lab. N. H.